

In the Specification:

Amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 4-17, of the instant application --

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a1 After setting has been carried out for the ~~network-interface~~ subscriber line unit 6, the ~~network-interface~~ subscriber line unit 6 produces an acknowledgement signal 39 which is passed on to the recognition unit 33 via the control unit 31. After the subscriber line unit 10 has been set, the associated control unit 32 produces a further acknowledgement signal 40 which is likewise passed on to the recognition unit 33. The recognition unit 33 in turn produces an aggregate acknowledgement signal 41 from the two acknowledgement signals 39 and 40, and this aggregate acknowledgement signal is passed to an evaluation device 42 in the switching unit 2. The evaluation device 42 then controls a corresponding matching device 43 such that the transmission quality between the two subscriber terminals 8 and 12 is at an optimum. --

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